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South Goa, Margao

Order

No. 38/28/2014/MAG/ELN/2150

Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1973

To,

The Public Generally,

Whereas, an announcement has been made by the Election Commission of India, New-Delhi vide letter No. ECI/PN/10/2014 dated 05-03-2014, to hold General Elections to the Lok Sabha 2014 for 02-South Goa Parliamentary Constituency, South Goa and accordingly the Election is scheduled to be held on 17-04-2014 and directions have been given to ensure free, fair and peaceful Elections.

And Whereas, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, and impose ban for carrying of all type of arms and fire-arms and other lethal weapons to ensure free, fair, peaceful and orderly conduct of

the Election process and to prevent obstruction, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed or danger to human life, or safety, or disturbance of public tranquility or riot, of any affray during the electioneering.

And Whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit serving of the notices individually in time.

Now Therefore, I, R. Mihir Vardhan, IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. P. C., 1973 do hereby prohibit the carrying of all type of arms, fire-arms, ammunition lethal weapons in any public place, street, road squares, thoroughfare, by-lanes, or in any open place in entire District of South Goa with immediate effect until further orders.

Further, all the arm licence holders in South Goa District are directed to deposit all their fire-arms at the nearest Police Stations of their respective jurisdiction immediately, and in no case after 15-03-2014. All the fire-arms deposited will be returned to the licence holder after 30-05-2014 i.e. after the Election process is over.

Further, it is also made known that, if any person has a real threat to his or her person/property, he/ /she should approach the Director General of Police for providing necessary security by the Police but under no circumstances will any person be allowed to carry his own personal fire-arm/s license or otherwise except with special permission from the undersigned.

However, the above restrictions shall not apply to Public Servants/Police/Defense Personnel and Security Personnel on duty and to those members of the community who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage, unless they are found to be indulging in violence or posing a threat to the maintenance of law and order and peaceful conduct of elections.

Given under my hand and seal of this office, on this 5th day of March, 2014.

R. Mihir Vardhan, IAS,
District Magistrate & Returning
Officer for 02-South Goa
Parliamentary Constituency,
South Goa District, Margao.

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